

FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2676 – HB 2803

March 25, 2008

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (013547, 015579): Deletes original bill in its entirety. Effective July 1, 2008, requires the clerk of court in which a person is convicted of an animal abuse offense defined as aggravated cruelty of animals, felony animal fighting, and bestiality to forward a copy of the judgment document of the conviction and other relevant information to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) within 45 days of the judgment. Requires TBI to make such data available for public inquiry on the Internet. Such offenders are required to notify the TBI within 48 hours of establishing or changing residences, practicing a vocation, or becoming a student. Assesses \$50 fee against any animal abuser subject to such registration. The fee, taxed as court costs, shall be retained by the clerk of court to defray administrative costs. Failure to comply with registration requirement is a Class E felony offense punishable by fine only (up to \$3,000). Such fines are earmarked for TBI to defray costs of implementation. Requires the TBI to promulgate rules necessary to implement and administer provisions of this act.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Revenue - Not Significant

Increase State Expenditures - \$22,500/One-Time
\$4,800/Recurring

Increase Local Revenue - Not Significant
Increase Local Expenditures - Not Significant

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Increase Local Revenue - Not Significant
Increase Local Expenditures - Not Significant

Assumptions applied to amendments:

- Since approximately three offenders will register per year, no significant revenue will be generated.

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- The increase in local government expenditures is estimated to be not significant due to the minimal number of offenders.
- The TBI will not require any additional resources to maintain and post this data on the Internet.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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